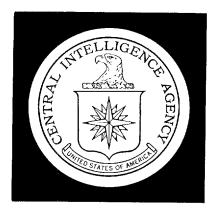
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THE SOVIETS AND THEIR AL-LIES NOW ARE ADVANCING UN MIDDLE EAST ENVOY GUNNAR JARRING OF SWEDEN AS THE LISTRONGESTIL CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED SECRETARY GENERAL THANT. THEY HAVE FLOATED JARRING'S NAME AT LEAST TO THE DUTCH AND TO THE US MISSION AT THE UN AS WELL AS IN WASHINGTON. **MOZCOM** APPEARS INCREASINGLY CONVINCED THAT THANT WANTS TO RETIRE, AND IT MAY BE TAKING THE JARRING SOUNDINGS TO TURN SUPPORT AWAY FROM THE DECLARED NORDIC CANDI-DATE, MAX JAKOBSON OF FINLAND, ABOUT WHOM THE SO-VIETS HAVE RESERVATIONS. THEY OBJECT TO HIS PAST WRITINGS ON FINNISH NEUTRALITY, HIS JEWISH BACK-GROUND, AND HIS SUPPORT BY PEKING. FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO WILL TAKE THE SUCCESSION ISSUE UP WITH SEC-RETARY ROGERS NEXT MONTH. [

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